

Stupendous Mineral Output of Tonopah

Tonopah boasts of some of the greatest mines in the world, and she doesn't do much boasting at that; the mines speak for themselves. Having long since passed the development stage, and being now in what is called the productive, or dividend era, not so much is heard from the mines, as from those of a camp which is part in the development and part in the productive stage.

The property of the Tonopah Mining Company justly ranks first among the mines of Nevada. It comprises, for one of its holdings, the great Mizpah mine, which was discovered by Jim Butler, and which was the making of Nevada. The ore is being taken out from three shafts, and a fortune goes to the mill and smelter each week. The mine, since the present owners have had it, has paid in the neighborhood of \$12,000,000; and the lessees took out of old Mizpah, \$3,500,000; not a bad showing for less than six years. There have been stories set afloat by the designing intriguers of Wall street that the mines of the Tonopah and the Belmont companies have been denuded of ore. The best answer to that malicious statement is a reference to the weekly shipments of both companies. The ore is being hoisted every day through the shafts, and is being sent to the mills and the smelter. The mill of the Tonopah Mining Company was shut down for repairs all last week, so that there was no ore sent to Millers; but the big company shipped to the smelters, 925 tons, valued at \$70 a ton. The Belmont Company shipped 500 tons and sent to the mill 210 tons, the mill having been closed down a portion of the time.

The Montana Tonopah mine has one of the most complete mills in the country, and is putting the ore through with the saving of a high percentage, and obtaining very satisfactory results. The mill is averaging about five tons to the stamp, and for the past week, the number of tons sent to the mill was 1260. The Midway mine, which adjoins the Montana Tonopah, is sending out each week enough high grade ore to more than meet expenses, and to put aside something in the treasury. They are busy in the lower levels prospecting for the ore beneath the dacite formation. They have en-

countered on the crosscut on the 800 level, a vein forty feet in width in which, thus far, only low values have been found, but sinking will be started from this level, to explore the lower depths. On the upper levels there are tons upon tons of high grade ore exposed, which will last for many years to come; but if there is found ore of value in the lower levels, the value of the mine will be worth a king's ransom.

The total output of the mines for the past week was 3450 tons, including the mines that have been named and the Tonopah Extension and the Jim Butler, which latter is one of the most popular mines in Tonopah. There were 2000 tons sent to the smelters, which at \$70 a ton, would net \$140,000; and to the mills 1450 tons, averaging \$30 a ton, or a total of \$44,100.

This is by no means an average for a week, for it must be taken into consideration that one mill was shut down for the entire week and the Belmont for part of the time.

PLACE TO STOP IN MANHATTAN

When you go to Manhattan, you will naturally stop at the Merchants' hotel, and there you will meet a man of the sunniest and most congenial, and you will no longer wonder why Manhattan is so charming a place to strangers as well as to those who have lived long enough there to have become fascinated with its spell. The man you will meet is George Wood, one of the best and most entertaining bonifaces who ever sunned himself on his own veranda, or got in out of the rain to hug his own fireside.

Mr. Wood will tell you why he is in Manhattan, and he will tell you in such an earnest and sincere manner that you will want to camp right there. He is there because he believes that it is one of the greatest mining camps, not only in the State, but in the wide world, and he has been over every hill and every claim in it. He knows the ore when he sees it, and knows the good from the bad.

"There's only one Goldfield," he says, "and that's Manhattan."

TONOPAH EX. IS MOST REMARKABLE

ARE PROSPECTING FOR ORE WITH A DIAMOND DRILL.

The Tonopah Extension mine is, in many respects, one of the most remarkable properties in this camp. The management is now wrestling with a problem which is fraught with the greatest interest to the district, and in the meantime swelling the treasury by the shipment of ore of high grade from the upper levels. The ore is being taken out from the 270, 400, 500 and 600 levels, and at that it is being taken sparingly, while the work of development is going on in the 1050 level.

The Tonopah Extension was at one time one of the biggest shippers in the camp, when of a sudden its biggest pay shot faulted, and it required some considerable time to determine what the trouble was. A dacite formation had come in on the 600 level, and there were not a few who expressed the belief that the end of the mine's resources had been reached. Don B. Gillies, president of the company, himself one of the ablest engineers in the country, assisted by a corps of engineers of his own selection undertook the solution of the problem, and came to the conclusion with the aid of a diamond drill, that the ledge had simply faulted, and have been working on these lines ever since. They sank to the 1050 level, and started a crosscut, which they calculated to extend 1000 feet. It is expected that the end of the crosscut will be reached by the month of February, when from present indications, the rich pay shoot will be picked up again, beyond a doubt.

This work will settle beyond further argument, the permanency of the ore bodies of the camp, so that the importance of it can be imagined. In the meantime, they are working on the rich ore body above the 600 level, and extracting enough ore to keep the mine going. There are thousands of tons of milling ore available, and the management, in the very near future, will put up a mill on its property, and grind out the dollars for many years to come. On the crosscut on the 1050 level they are now in the true lode porphyry and the appearance of the face is getting better each day. If this goes into shipping or good milling

ore, the Tonopah Extension will be another Goldstock.

WORK ON THE LITTLE TONOPAH

DEVELOPMENT ON PROPERTY IS BEING VIGOROUSLY RUSHED.

There is some very interesting development work going on in the Little Tonopah group, under the direction of H. M. Roche, superintendent of the Tonopah Geodetic Mining Company, which controls the group. The latter lies to the west of the camp, and is one of the earliest locations of Tonopah. The property adjoins that of the Tonopah Extension and the Golden Anchor.

Work is being vigorously pushed on the 877 level, a crosscut being out from the main shaft a distance of 340 feet. The shaft has been sunk to a depth of 925 feet, with stations at the 562 and 877 feet. According to all accounts, this latter level is looking very good, several stringers of quartz having been recently cut. It is expected that 250 feet of further development will catch the vein that was encountered at the 562 level.

The property comprises 450 acres of patented ground, and there has been erected a fine surface plant consisting of a steam generating plant of 100 horsepower, a 50 horsepower Siderwood hoist, a 40 horsepower air compressor, 10 horsepower blower, and a 50-light electric motor; air drills being used in all the underground workings.

The work in the Little Tonopah is being watched with interest for the reason that the discovery of shipping ore would mean a great deal for the camp, extending, as it would, the ore zone for a distance of five thousand feet to the west. The offices of the Tonopah Geodetic Mining Company are located in Los Angeles, where the stock is pretty closely held. The directors of the company are satisfied that they have a valuable asset in their mines, and they are determined to go after the ore as fast as possible.

The officers and directors of the company are the following:

J. Carvosso Fraser, president; J. Fremont Church, secretary; Wm. H. Workman, treasurer; Henry P. Flint, C. M. Skillen, and H. J. Pinney; representatives at Tonopah, H. M. Roche, superintendent; Wm. A. J. Jones, purchasing and disbursing agent.

FORKED STICK IS PROVING WELL

WORK UPON PROPERTY WILL ONCE MORE BE RESUMED.

Among the promising properties of Manhattan, lying in the shadow of the famous Mustang Hill, is the Forked Stick, from which the name of the company owning it takes its name. The property adjoins the Thanksgiving mine, from which ore going into the thousands has been taken, and which has a rich body of

sulphide ore at the 250 level, and underlies the Manhattan Dreyfogle.

The Forked Stick Mining Company was financed by Los Angeles capital, and work upon the property is to be resumed in the very near future. The development thus far, has been very satisfactory. The same lime and porphyry contact from where the values of the Thanksgiving have been taken is found in the Forked Stick, and at a depth of sixty-five feet a ledge of three and a half feet in width has been opened up, and values as high as \$20 a ton have been taken. These are values which now can be reckoned with since the establishment of the mills.

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